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REPORT

Grossenhain Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1. On 31 July 1952, [redacted] three squadrons of nine jet fighters each at Grossenhain airfield. [redacted] Three squadrons of jet fighters were again observed on 11 August. (1)

2. On 31 July, AA guns were no longer observed near the fuel dump on the northern edge of the field. (2)

4. On 1 August, a plane had allegedly crashed when it flew into a high tension line.

5. On 12 August, all the vehicles on the Elsterwerda-Grossenhain road were halted by sentries at the gap in the fence because of intensive take-off activity. [redacted] two planes taking off [redacted] were not fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. About 2 p.m., traffic [redacted] was allowed to continue. About 30 persons who were not hindered by the sentries [redacted] stood nearby. [redacted] 24 to 27 MiG-15 and type-29 planes in front of the hangars. (1) On 11 August, truck [redacted] was parked in front of the entrance of the field.

6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 9 August and 4 September:
- 9 August. Six MiG-15s, [redacted] were parked on the dispersal area at the west end of the runway.
- 10 August. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., individual take-offs were made.
- 17 August. In the afternoon, it was raining, and there were thunderstorms. No flying was practiced.
- 18 August. Only a few individual take-offs were made between noon and 1 p.m.

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20 August. One take-off each was made at 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
On the other days between 19 and 22 August, no air activity was observed.  
There were intermittent rain showers.

23 August. During the morning some flights were made. The sky was overcast.

24 August. A number of jet fighters were parked close together in an open hangar.

25 August. There was intensive night flying between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m. in an overcast sky.

26 August. Between noon and about 6 p.m., individual flights were made.

28 August. Individual flights were made in the morning and afternoon.

29 August. There was little flying in the morning and intensive air activity in the afternoon up to 5 p.m.

Between 30 August and 4 September. No air activity was observed. On 31 August, six MiG-15s were parked close to each other in front of a hangar.

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25X1 7. On 24 August, four trucks with coupled AA guns moved to the field. Twelve  
25X1 tents and three tank trucks were observed near the AA gun emplacements in  
25X1 the northeastern corner of the field. Two truck-mounted searchlights,  
25X1 each about 1.5 meters in diameter, proceeded from the southern edge of the  
25X1 landing field to the emplacements in the northeastern corner of the field. (2)  
Excavating was in progress at the field.

25X1 8. Walls of earth, about 2 meters high, 8 meters wide, 12 to 15 meters long  
25X1 and open to one side were being constructed. Several detonations, probably  
25X1 caused by blastings were heard from the eastern edge of the landing field. (3)

25X1 9. The sentry at the main entrance to the field and the second sentry on the  
25X1 other side of the road opposite the main entrance were red-bordered black  
25X1 epaulets. (4) [redacted] along Elsterwerde Strasse. [redacted]  
25X1 a sentry [redacted] was well camouflaged in a hedge. [redacted]

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[redacted] 10. Between 2:30 and 5 p.m. on 11 August, there was no air activity at the field.  
25X1 The field could be observed from its northwestern corner which bordered on  
25X1 Highway No 101. [redacted] Soviet  
25X1 sentries on both sides of the fence [redacted] prevented civilians from stopping there.  
25X1 Inside the fenced-in area, three men, who were apparently not armed, patrolled  
25X1 80 to 100 meters apart, about 50 meters from the fence. About 20 aircraft were  
25X1 observed behind the large hangar in the southeastern section of the field. (1)  
No railroad tank cars were observed on the spur track in the northwestern  
section of the field. [redacted]

25X1 11. On 14 August at 5:30 p.m., [redacted] eight  
MiG-15s were parked at the field. [redacted]

[redacted] Comments.

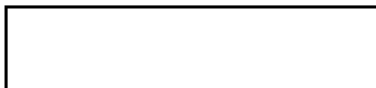
(1)

[redacted] Grossenhain airfield is still occupied by two  
fighter regiments and the headquarters of a fighter division. A large  
portion of MiG-15s is probably parked in the numerous hangars at the field.  
The fighter regiments conduct air activity on the previously reported level.  
Most of the aircraft still practice individual flying at day and night.

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- (2) According to available information, it is believed that AA gun emplacements are located in the southwestern and northeastern sections of the field.
- (3) The construction of walls of earth as splinterproof protection for aircraft was also reported from other airfields. One MiG-15 can be parked in each revetment. It is believed that the blasting is connected with the construction of these shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments.
- (4) This information indicates that personnel of the AA unit are also detached for guard duty.

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